

## Custer County 2003 Count of Persons by Age, Race, and Gender

<i>School Age</i>	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5 to 9	636	304	2	1	14	7	2	1	12	7	16	7
10 to 14	756	375	1	0	21	9	2	1	11	5	25	8
15 to 19	852	409	2	1	24	11	4	3	14	8	19	9
20 to 24	708	358	4	3	17	9	2	2	12	7	9	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,952</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>28</b>

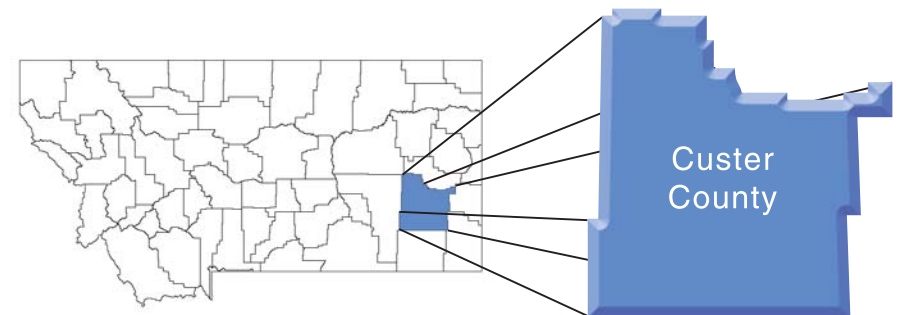
<i>Working Age</i>	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
15+	9,016	4,686	10	6	130	68	37	20	60	35	131	69
15-64	7,093	3,590	9	5	123	64	29	16	60	35	113	59
20+	8,164	4,277	8	5	106	57	33	17	46	27	112	60
20-64	6,241	3,181	7	4	99	53	25	13	46	27	94	50

<i>Other Age Group</i>	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0 to 4	608	266	4	1	7	3	1	1	11	6	4	1
5 to 19	2,244	1,088	5	2	59	27	8	5	37	20	60	24
20 to 44	3,282	1,689	7	4	66	33	15	8	33	17	56	30
45 to 64	2,959	1,492	0	0	33	20	10	5	13	10	38	20
65+	1,923	1,096	1	1	7	4	8	4	0	0	18	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,016</b>	<b>5,631</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>85</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2003 Population Estimates.  
Compiled by: Research & Analysis Bureau.



## For Custer County



## Top 15 Private Employers in Custer County

### Listed in Alphabetical Order with Employment Size Class

<i>Business Name</i>	<i>Size Class</i>	<i>Business Name</i>	<i>Size Class</i>
Albertson's	5	Oftedal E H & Sons	4
DEAP	5	Reynolds Warehouse Grocery	4
Eastern Montana Industries	6	Star Printing & Supply Co.	5
4 B'S Restaurant	4	Steadman's Ace Hardware	4
Friendship Villa Care Center	5	Stockman Bank	6
Holy Rosary Healthcare	7	Transco Railway Products	4
McDonald's	5	Wal-Mart	6
Miles City Livestock Commission	4		

Employment Size Class Coding 7=250-499 employees; 6=100-249 employees; 5=50-99 employees; 4=20-49 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau.  
Fourth Quarter 2004 Unemployment Insurance Information. This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

## Cities and Towns in Custer County

Ismay   ■   Kinsey   ■   Miles City   ■   Volborg



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Located in southeastern Montana, Custer County is Montana's 16th most populous with 11,454 residents, according to the 2004 U.S. Census Bureau estimates. Miles City, the county seat, is the state's 10th largest city with a population of 8,315, according to the 2004 U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

Agriculture is important to the area's economy. Custer County has the 13th largest number of beef cattle ranches and farms in Montana and is ranked fifth for total number of cattle and calves, according to the 2002 Census of Agriculture. The cattle industry is the number one agricultural industry in Montana in terms of sales and revenues, according to the 2002 Census of Agriculture. Miles City is host to the world famous Bucking Horse Sale held annually in May.

The 2004 Employment by Industry table (see inside) shows about 22 percent of the covered employment is in the government sector. The private health care sector has nearly 23 percent of the total private employment and retail trade accounts for about 19 percent. Accommodation and food services impacts the area economy with about 17 percent of the total private employment.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, median income for Custer County households in 2002 was \$30,814, compared to Montana's median income of \$34,105 for the same year. Median income addresses the per household income in the county (no matter how many people live in the home); per capita income (inside table) is total income in the county divided by the number of people in the county.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1877 and named for Lt. Col. George A. Custer killed in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876. The authors note Miles City takes its name from Civil War and Indian wars veteran Gen. Nelson A. Miles.

## Custer County Population

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Area	7/1/2004 Estimate	7/1/2003 Estimate	7/1/2002 Estimate	4/1/2000 Census	4/1/1990 Census	Percent Change 2003-2004	Percent Change 2002-2003	Percent Change 2000-2004	Percent Change 2000-2003	Percent Change 1990-2000
Montana	926,865	917,621	910,372	902,195	799,065	1.0%	0.8%	2.7%	1.7%	12.9%
Custer County	11,454	11,362	11,439	11,696	11,697	0.8%	-0.7%	-2.1%	-2.9%	0.0%
Ismay	25	25	25	26	6	0.0%	0.0%	-3.8%	-3.8%	333.3%
Miles City	8,315	8,246	8,302	8,487	8,461	0.8%	-0.7%	-2.0%	-2.2%	0.3%

## 2000 Custer County Commuters by Location

County of Residence	# Who Work in Custer County	County of Work	# Who Live in Custer County
Out of State	34	Other States	32
Carbon County	3	Big Horn County	6
Carter County	3	Custer County	5,234
Custer County	5,234	Fallon County	15
Dawson County	4	Fergus County	8
Fallon County	30	Gallatin County	13
Gallatin County	13	Garfield County	2
Garfield County	7	Hill County	3
McCone County	1	Missoula County	2
Powder River County	27	Powder River County	10
Prairie County	52	Prairie County	54
Richland County	5	Roosevelt County	6
Rosebud County	109	Rosebud County	51
Stillwater County	6	Wheatland County	8
Treasure County	2	Wibaux County	4
Yellowstone County	4	Yellowstone County	32

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau Data.

## Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Gender

### 2000 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data

#### Employed Persons 16 Years and Older - Custer County

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,554</b>	<b>2,784</b>	<b>2,770</b>
<b>Management, professional, and related occupations:</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>887</b>
Management, business, and financial operations occupations:	810	552	258
Management, except farmers and farm managers	302	184	118
Farmers and farm managers	356	306	50
Business and financial operations occupations:	152	62	90
<b>Professional and related occupations:</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>629</b>
Education, training, and library occupations	389	127	262
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations:	313	60	253
<b>Service occupations:</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>772</b>
Protective service occupations:	147	137	10
Food preparation and serving related occupations	465	168	297
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	289	137	152
Personal care and service occupations	188	2	186
<b>Sales and office occupations:</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>939</b>
Sales and related occupations	583	327	256
Office and administrative support occupations	834	151	683
<b>Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations:</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>38</b>
Construction and extraction occupations:	278	255	23
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	266	251	15
<b>Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>115</b>
Production occupations	180	123	57
Motor vehicle operators	116	103	13
Material moving workers	114	71	43

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Equal Employment Opportunity File, [www.census.gov/eeo](http://www.census.gov/eeo) 2001.

## Resources

### Census and Economic Information for Montana:

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, P. O. Box 200505, Helena, MT 59620-0505, 406-841-2740 or check out the Internet website at:  
<http://ceic.commerce.mt.gov/>

### Chamber of Commerce:

Miles City Area Chamber, 511 Pleasant St., Miles City, MT 59301, 406-234-2890,  
<http://www.mcchamber.com>

### Department of Labor and Industry:

#### Miles City Job Service Workforce Center

12 N. 10th St., Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-8340, <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/milescity/>

### Economic Development:

Miles City Area Economic Development Council, 511 Pleasant St., Miles City, MT 59301,  
406-234-2705

### Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

### Internet:

Check the Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>  
For information on the Internet about the cities and towns of Ismay, Kinsey, Miles City,  
and Volborg, go to <http://www.visitmt.com> and click on "cities and towns."

### Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

#### Drivers' Licensing

Miles City-1010 Main St., 406-232-2821

### Newspapers:

*Miles City Star*, P. O. Box 1216, Miles City, MT 59301-1216, 406-234-0450,  
<http://www.milescitystar.com/>

### Public Library:

Miles City Public Library, 1 S. 10th St., Miles City, MT 59301-3398, 406-234-1496

### Postsecondary Education Institution:

#### Community College

Miles City Community College, 2715 Dickinson St., Miles City, MT 59301, 800-541-9281,  
<http://www.milesc.edu/>

### Custer County Public Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Cottonwood Elementary, HC 80 Box 18, Ismay, MT 59336, 406-772-5722  
Kinsey Elementary, HC 46 Box 396, Kinsey, MT 59338, 406-232-0535  
Kircher Elementary, Route 1 Box 2352, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-2761  
Miles City Public Schools, 1604 Main St., Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-3840  
Moon Creek Elementary, P. O. Box 1262, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-4903  
S H Elementary, 214 N. Cottage, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-3395  
S Y Elementary, HC 40 Box 6592, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-421-5439



## Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau



For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information,  
job projections, and hourly pay by occupation, contact our office at:

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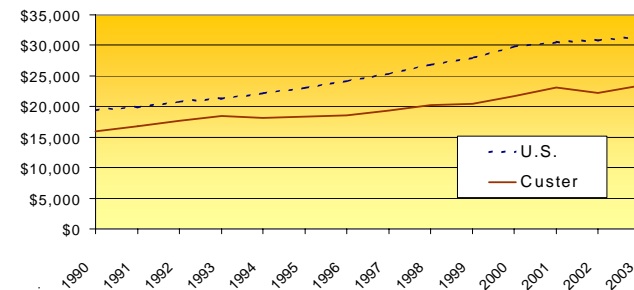
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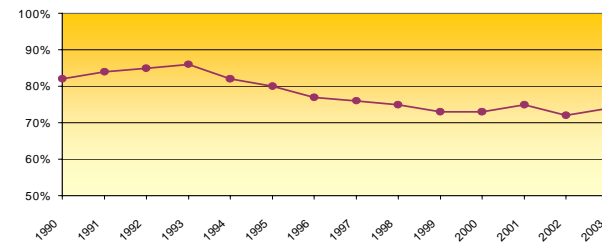
Be sure to check our location quotients for Custer County on the website. Location quotients are a measure of the concentration of an industry's employment in Custer County relative to the nation as a whole. A location quotient greater than 1 generally indicates that the industry is more concentrated in Custer County than in the nation as a whole, while a location quotient less than 1 indicates it is less concentrated in Custer County than in the nation as a whole.

## Custer County Per Capita Personal Income

### Per Capita Personal Income



### Percent of National Average



Year	U.S.	Custer County	% of National Average	Year	U.S.	Custer County	% of National Average
2003	\$31,472	\$23,428	74%	1996	\$24,175	\$18,507	77%
2002	\$30,804	\$22,186	72%	1995	\$23,076	\$18,352	80%
2001	\$30,575	\$23,057	75%	1994	\$22,172	\$18,110	82%
2000	\$29,847	\$21,738	73%	1993	\$21,346	\$18,398	86%
1999	\$27,939	\$20,404	73%	1992	\$20,854	\$17,668	85%
1998	\$26,883	\$20,201	75%	1991	\$19,892	\$16,787	84%
1997	\$25,334	\$19,378	76%	1990	\$19,477	\$15,956	82%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis,  
Regional Economic Information System. Released September 2004.



## Custer County Annual Average Labor Force

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2004	5,770	5,573	197	3.4%
2003	5,705	5,537	168	2.9%
2002	5,755	5,579	176	3.1%
2001	5,961	5,753	208	3.5%
2000	6,008	5,755	253	4.2%

Source: These estimates are provisional estimates produced by the U.S. Department of Labor's, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and will be revised further in 2005.

## Custer County Farms and Ranches

<b>Total Farms and Ranches</b>	<b>425</b>
Oilseed & Grain Farming	22
Vegetable & Melon Farming	2
Fruit & Tree Nut Farming	1
Greenhouse, Nursery & Floriculture Production	1
Sugar Beets, Hay & All Other Crops	60
Beef Cattle Ranching & Farming	234
Cattle Feedlots	6
Dairy Cattle & Milk Production	1
Hog & Pig Farming	3
Poultry & Egg Production	1
Sheep & Goat Farming	25
Animal Aquaculture & Other Animal Production	69

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 Census of Agriculture.

## Custer County Employment by Industry\* Annual Averages 2004

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid	Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	506	4,827	\$120,842,511	Transit & Ground Passenger Transport	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
TOTAL PRIVATE	465	3,757	\$82,972,085	Pipeline Transportation	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	17	94	\$2,156,914	Support Activities for Transportation	3	57	\$1,865,494
Crop Production	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Couriers & Messengers	3	20	\$994,948
Animal Production	13	79	\$1,570,139	INFORMATION	9	101	\$2,218,611
Agriculture & Forestry Support	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Publishing Industries, Except Internet	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
MINING	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Motion Picture, Sound Recording Industry	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Oil & Gas Extraction	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Broadcasting, Except Internet	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
UTILITIES	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Telecommunications	4	20	\$879,189
CONSTRUCTION	47	189	\$6,721,156	ISPs*, Search Portals, & Data Processing	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Construction of Buildings	11	20	\$270,124	FINANCE & INSURANCE	32	253	\$8,864,966
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	10	100	\$4,794,631	Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	9	189	\$7,012,974
Specialty Trade Contractors	26	69	\$1,656,401	Securities, Commodities, Contracts, Investments	7	8	\$265,030
MANUFACTURING	17	82	\$1,821,072	Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	16	56	\$1,586,962
Food Manufacturing	5	19	\$445,225	REAL ESTATE & RENTAL & LEASING	15	39	\$526,200
Beverage & Tobacco Products Manufacturing	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Real Estate	13	31	\$422,507
Textile Mills	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Rental & Leasing Services	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Printing & Related Support Activities	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES	30	90	\$2,113,877
Chemical Manufacturing	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	3	11	\$675,336
Plastics & Rubber Products Manufacturing	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		ADMINISTRATIVE & WASTE SERVICES	16	37	\$578,733
Nonmetallic Mineral Products Manufacturing	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Administrative & Support Services	14	27	\$294,733
Fabricated Metal Products Manufacturing	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Waste Management & Remediation Services	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Computer & Electronic Products Manufacturing	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3	25	\$426,265
Furniture & Related Products Manufacturing	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		PRIVATE HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	48	856	\$23,422,873
WHOLESALE TRADE	23	143	\$3,374,582	Ambulatory Health Care Services	24	160	\$7,064,773
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	8	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Hospitals	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	13	98	\$2,179,291	Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	6	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Electronic Markets & Agents & Brokers	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Social Assistance	16	239	\$3,562,811
RETAIL TRADE	61	704	\$13,093,249	ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & RECREATION	19	129	\$1,677,897
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	10	106	\$2,980,285	Performing Arts & Spectator Sports	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	3	20	\$294,577	Museums, Historical Sites, Zoos, & Parks	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Electronics & Appliance Stores	4	5	\$83,257	Amusements, Gambling & Recreation	16	119	\$1,572,279
Building Material & Garden Supply Stores	5	71	\$1,593,149	ACCOMMODATION & FOOD SERVICES	50	646	\$6,097,445
Food & Beverage Stores	6	142	\$2,526,074	Accommodation	12	152	\$1,245,846
Health & Personal Care Stores	3	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Food Services & Drinking Places	38	495	\$4,851,599
Gasoline Stations	7	64	\$1,128,587	OTHER SERVICES	46	169	\$2,970,794
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	5	22	\$379,513	Repair & Maintenance	15	59	\$1,411,719
Sporting Good, Hobby, Book & Music Stores	5	35	\$491,458	Personal & Laundry Services	8	42	\$826,721
General Merchandise Stores	3	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Membership Associations & Organizations	15	47	\$494,146
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	10	45	\$386,824	Private Households	8	22	\$238,208
Nonstore Retailers	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		TOTAL GOVERNMENT	41	1,070	\$37,870,426
TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING	30	169	\$5,268,173	Local Government	14	531	\$14,744,312
Air Transportation	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		State Government	14	301	\$10,455,100
Truck Transportation	20	79	\$2,202,297	Federal Government	13	238	\$12,671,014

\*Internet Service Providers

Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.) \*This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.